

**Park Point Small Area Plan
Plan Committee Meeting
April 3, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.
Lafayette Community Recreation Club**

Participants

John Judd, City of Duluth Planning
John Kelley, City of Duluth Planning
Dawn Buck, Resident
Sharla Gardner, City Councilor
Heather Rand
Dick Gould, Resident
Jan Karon, Resident
Deb Kellner, Resident
Sally Raushenfels, Resident
Phil Rolle, Resident

Guests

Neil Dorr
Dave Poulin
Burke Edgerton
Laurie Edgerton
Leigh Schwartz
Debbie Schwartz
Brian Nelson
Dennis Hoelsuher
Mike Medlin
Jeff Stuermer

1. Plan Committee Q & A Updates

Kelley gave updates on information requested by committee members. These updates included the status of Herding Island, Dog Parks, Airport and Hotels. Kelley provided committee members with a revised memo from Eric Schafer, City Engineer, regarding the flow capacity of water and waste water. The committee reviewed the memo and the consensus of the committee was to accept the findings in the memo but noting their concerns with the condition of the current sewer system and to recommend the system be upgraded.

2. Public Meeting Process and Comments

Kelley provided committee members with a summary of the Public meeting comments and the web site comments. Kelley asked committee members for their thoughts on the Public Meeting. Karon asked if the attendees at tonight's meeting could comment. Committee members did not want attendee comment. Raushenfels has a concern with the press and how they are notified of meetings. Committee members suggested a one-page document to provide to press outlining SAP and meeting agenda. Committee members discussed the meeting format. Consensus of the committee members was that the meeting format/process was good. Committee members also recognized that the tentative May 1, 2013 Public meeting date will have to be rescheduled.

3. Proposed Recommendations

Kelley stated that staff would like to formulate recommendations for the "issues" that have been discussed by the committee. Gardner stated that she had concerns with the idea of diverting traffic from Lake Avenue to Minnesota Avenue. She had received many comments regarding the idea and would like to see other options considered. Gardner is concerned with disrupting the character of the neighborhood. Gardner would like to look at 10th and 11th street as access and exit points for proposed hotels. The committee discussed the current status of the roads as state aid and design standards for city roads, options for type of turn at 8th Street, and possible one-way road scenario.

Consensus of the committee members was to review design options for the 8th street area, 10th and 11th Street area and opening up Minnesota Avenue at 12th Street.

Wayfinding- The committee discussed signage for vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Consider installing an informational kiosk before the bridge. Committee members discussed the need to provide signage for hotel traffic.

Pathways- Committee members discussed bike and pedestrian pathways along Minnesota Avenue and St. Louis Avenue. The committee asked about the reconfiguration of Minnesota Avenue within the 44-feet of improved right of way. Committee members would like to see the concept that Andy had provided in his presentation.

Land Use and Zoning- Committee members discussed the idea of changing the future land use and zoning for the area along Minnesota Avenue between the Coast Guard and the Core of Engineers. Consensus of the committee was to recommend the changes that were previously discussed and include recreation/P-1, water front mixed-use/MU-W and traditional neighborhood/R-1.

5. Street Ends

Committee members briefly discussed street ends and the data that has been gathered by Judy Gibbs. Kelley stated that the Park and Recreation Commission needs to review the data and make some recommendations on which street ends are appropriate for access points. Kelley also stated that Engineering will need to be included in discussions and that the City Attorney will need to have input as well.

4. Plan Committee Meeting and Public Meeting Schedule

- Next Plan Committee meeting to be on Wednesday April 17, 2013.
- Plan Committee meeting to continue of 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (April 17 and May 1)

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with thanks to all for their participation. Notice of future meetings will be provided.